

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Martin Gimmestad, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/522,510

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: September 17, 2005

Examiner: Mohammad Y. Meah

**Title: NEW MUTANT STRAINS OF PSEUDOMONAS FLUOROSCENS AND
VARIANTS THEREOF, METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND USES
THEREOF IN ALGINATE PRODUCTION**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of April 30, 2008. Applicants enclose herein a request for continued examination along with the appropriate fee. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for extension of time along with the payment of appropriate fee extending the time to respond to October 30, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

A Remarks section begins on Page 7.